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### **Tax Commission files criminal charges against Utah County business owners**

Felony tax evasion-related charges against owners of a Utah County printing and graphics business have been filed by the Utah State Tax Commission.

Mark and Suzanne Burdge, Provo, have been charged with racketeering, communications fraud, unlawful dealing by a fiduciary, all second degree felonies and failure to file proper tax returns, a third degree felony.

Charges were filed in 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court, Salt Lake, against the couple doing business as MCB Printing and Excel Graphics.

“Our investigation determined that while operating these businesses, the Burdges employed a number of employees for whom they withheld payroll taxes,” said Charlie Roberts, spokesman for the State Tax Commission.

“However, at least since 2006, they intentionally refused to remit more than \$300,000 of these trust funds to the State Tax Commission and additional collected taxes to the Internal Revenue Service,” Roberts says.

Mark Burdge, 54, intentionally filed false W2 information with his own personal tax returns, claiming payroll tax credit that he knew had not been remitted.

Court appearances are pending. This case will be prosecuted by the Utah Attorney General's Office and was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Unit of the State Tax Commission.

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